

1898-99. The Antique Surcharges.

History of the Issue.

All these Surcharges were prepared at The Government Printing Office (the name given to the Siam Mercantile Press when purchased by the Government.)

The series of Surcharges in Antique type contains twelve distinguishable Settings, and can be separated into two groups, one of which contains eight Surcharges and the other four. The whole of the Surcharges forming a group have been prepared (by changing the numerals and removing or adding an 's') from a single General-Setting, and thus there can be distinguished General-Settings A. and B.

These can be easily differentiated from each other by the fact that the vertical distance between the two inscriptions on a stamp differs in the two cases, as follows:

<u>General-Setting A.</u>	<u>Vertical distance always 9 mm.</u>
<u>General-Setting B.</u>	<u>Vertical distance slightly more than 8 mm.</u>

The Settings prepared from General-Setting A.

Setting A. Setting A.



Setting A. Setting B. Setting C.

The Settings prepared from General-Setting B.

Setting A.



Setting B.



Setting B.



Setting B.



The History of each General-Setting is described in detail on subsequent pages.